

Foreign Assistance Act of 1973--S.2335

(Reported by Foreign Relations, 2 Aug. -- referred to Finance Committee)

Purpose:

Authorizes fiscal year 1974 and 1975 appropriations for certain economic assistance programs.

Sections of Concern to CIA

I. Police Training

"SEC. 115. PROHIBITING POLICE TRAINING. --No part of any appropriation made available to carry out this or any other provision of law shall be used to conduct any police training or related program for a foreign country."

The Committee Report (page 17) notes that this section is intended to prohibit training both in the U.S. and abroad and covers all advisory or training programs involving all phases of law enforcement, including prison administration; however, it is not intended to prohibit narcotics programs.

II. Use of 3rd Country Military Forces

"LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS -- SEC. 19. No funds authorized or appropriated under any provision of law shall be made available for the purpose of financing directly or indirectly any military or paramilitary operations by foreign forces in Laos, Cambodia, North Vietnam, South Vietnam, or Thailand unless (1) such operations are conducted by the forces of the government receiving such funds within the borders of that country, or (2) specifically authorized by law enacted after the date of enactment of this Act."

Committee Report (page 40): This section would prohibit the further financing of Thai troops in Laos or of "local forces" of Laos in Thailand. U.S. support of military advisory activities by any 3rd country in any way in Indochina or Thailand would also be precluded. Similarly, 3rd country "volunteers" operating under the orders of another government could not be supported in any way by U.S. funds.

III. Political Prisoners

"SEC. 21. It is the sense of Congress that the President should deny any economic or military assistance to the government of any foreign country which practices the internment or imprisonment of that country's citizens for political purposes."

IV. Access to Information from Foreign Affairs Agencies

"SEC. 23. (a) After the expiration of any thirty-five-day period which begins on the date the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate or the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives has delivered to the office of the head of the Department of State, the United States Information Agency, the Agency for International Development, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, ACTION, or the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a written request that it be furnished any document, paper, communication, audit, review, finding, recommendation, report, or other material in its custody or control relating to such department, agency, or corporation, none of the funds made available to such department, agency, or corporation, shall be obligated unless and until there has been furnished to the committee making the request the document, paper, communication, audit, review, finding, recommendation, report or other material so requested.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any communication that is directed by the President to a particular officer or employee of any such department, agency, or corporation or to any communication that is directed by any such officer or employee to the President."

Committee Report (page 41): This section requires that State, USIA, AID and ACDA, ACTION and Overseas Private Investment Corporation furnish information upon request by either Senate Foreign Relations and House Foreign Affairs Committees. If material is not furnished within 35 days, funds for the agency would be cut off. Communication to and from agency officials and the President would be exempted. Info requested must pertain to Committee jurisdiction.

The wording of this section is exactly the same as agreed to by the Senate and House conferees on the Department of State Authorization Bill.